



City of Alexandria, VA

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Alexandria Commission for the Arts Seeks Public Art Committee Members

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News Highlights

- Invitation to participate on Public Art Committee
- Applications due on Friday, November 13, 2009

More Information

- www.AlexandriaCommissionForTheArts.org
- www.alexandriava.gov/arts

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is seeking volunteers to serve on the Public Art Committee. Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2009. The Commission will review the applications and at the November 17, 2009 meeting will select the members. Current members of the Public Art Committee are encouraged to reapply.

The Public Art Committee will provide advice to the Arts Commission on the acquisition and funding of public art in the City. The Arts Commission is seeking a diverse group who can commit to a three-year term. Volunteers should plan to devote 12 – 16 hours per month as members of the Public Art Committee. All Committee meetings will be open to the public.

As mandated in the City's Policy on Acquired Art, the Public Art Committee will consist of one Commissioner from the Commission for the Arts with expertise in art, up to four persons with expertise in urban planning, landscape architecture and/or architecture, up to four persons with expertise in art as an artist or art professional, up to four persons with an interest in art. Members may live or work in the City, though a minimum of 75% of the members of the Committee must be City of Alexandria residents. The current Chair of the Public Art Committee is Matthew Harwood, Commissioner from the Commission for the Arts and artist at the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

Committee members' areas of interest will correspond to one of the three Planning Districts that make up the Alexandria Master Plan. Specific duties will include:

Reviewing established planning guidelines, such as master plans and small-area plans.

- Participating in subcommittees of the Public Art Committee and advisory committees of the Planning & Zoning Department.
- Exploring ideas for a public art master plan.
- Seeking opportunities for public art in assigned area.
- Educating the community about the potential for and benefits of public art.
- Investigating the potential for public art at new buildings and developments.
- Attending, participating in and advocating for public art at civic association meeting, community meetings, and community planning workshops.
- Conducting an inventory of public art in a specific area (photos/history).

The Public Art Committee will work directly with City staff on public art opportunities throughout the City and serve in an advisory role for staff and the Arts Commission. Committee volunteers serve an important role assisting the Alexandria Commission for the Arts in advancing the organization's goals, objectives and strategies. Individuals who are interested in serving should send a letter of interest and resume or curriculum vitae to aca@alexandriava.gov or by postal mail to: Alexandria Commission for the Arts, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 by November 13. For more information, call Matthew Harwood at 703.683.5554 or by e-mail at harwoodtaylor@erols.com.

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The Commission and the Office of the Arts, a division of the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities, work together to promote and cultivate the arts in the City of Alexandria. For more information, please visit their web sites at www.alexandriacommissionthearts.org and www.alexandriava.gov/arts.